

S. May jr

21 Cornhill, Boston,

Frid. P.M. 13<sup>th</sup> Nov.

Dear Mrs. Chapman,

In the uncertainty as to rooms for the Bazaar, I have thought it best to make inquiry as to Horticultural Hall in School St., a place in which two very good fairs were held, tho' the location is not so good as Winter School ~~St.~~ or Summer St. would be; but better, I think, than near the head of State Street.

I have ascertained that the Bazaar Ladies can have Horticultural Hall, probably, those 2 weeks, if wanted, and, probably also, with facilities & conveniences

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about the same as before — and  
your sister Deborah will  
doubtless recollect what those  
were. The price of \$40,  
per wk. was named at first;  
to which I replied that the  
Hall was hired for the Bazaar  
before for \$25 pr. week, (\$50.  
for two week) and, as times  
were now, I  ~~doubted~~ thought  
the ladies would not wish to  
pay more than that — "me"  
to provide fuel and gas; — and  
then the <sup>agent</sup> ~~agent~~ said that he did  
not doubt me could have it at  
that price, if no permanent  
engagement of the hall were made,

This gives another string to  
the Bazaar bow. If you  
think favourably of the arrange-  
ment, and will let me hear  
from you early on Monday  
morning, I will take such  
steps as you direct.

On the 9th March last,  
Mary Estlin wrote me a short note  
and sent me a copy of the letter  
(of which I had heard "by the  
hearing of the ear") which Mrs.  
Stowe addressed to Lord Shaftesbury,  
Lord Carlisle, Jos. Sturge, &c. relative  
to her use of the <sup>English</sup> Anti-Slavery funds  
confided to her care. Miss Estlin  
confided the packet to the care of  
Mr. Revell, who was then about  
coming to America. To-day (Nov. 13)  
I have received it! - only a little

over 8 months after it was sent  
Mr. Revell, who writes to me from  
New York under date of Nov. 11., very  
coolly says, that after receiving Miss  
Estlin's letters to me (and also quite a  
handful for Parker Pillsbury) he concluded  
to spend "some months" more in Gt.  
Britain, - whence the delay! - Now  
we ought to have had this letter of Mrs.  
Stowe's before. It appears to have been  
written in the winter of 1853-56 - was sent  
to Jos. Sturge's care - the said Jos.  
Sturge sent it to the select few only and  
suppressed it to the general. Why? A  
perusal of the letter clears up all doubts  
on that point. Mrs. Stowe speaks of  
the Exec. Comtee of the American Antislavery  
Society in ~~such~~ terms of respect & eulogy,  
and that is reason enough for Joseph  
Sturge's meanness & baseness to crop out  
large. - Miss Estlin wishes particularly  
that you should see this letter. She lays  
us a special injunction not to let it get  
into print. The letter shall be at your service  
Very truly Yours  
Laura May